

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 27 of page 15 with the following amended paragraph:

-- Refer now to Figure 5, which shows another example embodiment of a portion of a bracket assembly 210. The bracket assembly 210 can be similar to either of the bracket assemblies 10 and 110 discussed above (i.e. may be expandable and/or non-expandable), wherein like reference numbers indicate similar structure. In this embodiment, however, the assembly 210 includes alternative structure for captivating the fastener member 35 within the opening 33 defined in the flange 23. The fastener member 35 is disposed within the opening such that it includes a first portion 262 extending out of one side of the opening 33, and a second portion 264 extending out of the opposite side of the opening 33. A stop member 260 is disposed about and engaged with the first portion 262 of the fastener member 35. The stop member ~~262~~ 260 includes structure adapted and/or configured to prevent removal of the fastener member 35 from the opening 33. For example, the stop member ~~262~~ 260 may include an outer periphery 266 that is bigger than the outer periphery of the opening 33. Additionally, the second portion 264 of the fastener member 35 includes a head portion 265 that has an outer periphery greater than the outer periphery of the opening 33. Therefore, the fastening member 35 can be pre-disposed within the opening 33 between the stop member 260 and the head portion 265.--